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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, respectfully request a three month extension of time (small entity) for responding to the Office Action dated July 23, 2001.


A response to the Office Action was originally due October 23, 2001. With this filing, the period for response is thus extended up to and including January 23, 2002. An Amendment is being filed concurrently herewith. A check for \$541.00, which includes the requisite fees for the small entity extension of time and nine (9) new claims is included herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge additional fees to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033700.003. Similarly, please credit any overpayment to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

Respectfully submitted,

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